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SUBJECT: 2004 Spring Turkey Season

1. The dates for the 2004 Spring Turkey Season are 10 April thru 8 May 2004. Only bearded turkeys may be taken.

2. The Juniper Creek and Nicholson Creek drainages will be opened for the 2004 season. These areas will add an additional 21 hunting slots.

3. All turkey-hunting slots at Camp Mackall and Fort Bragg will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunting days will be Wednesday thru Sunday of each week (Sunday open for Category I hunters only). Table 1 gives the number of slots for each hunt area. These allocations are based on approximately 1 hunter/500 huntable acres.

4. Scouting days are: 7-9 April 2004. Sign-in from hunting/scouting is NLT 90 minutes after sunset. Only one weapon is allowed for each hunting slot. Party hunts (i.e. one hunter with a weapon and one or more callers WITHOUT WEAPONS) are authorized as long as one hunter has signed out in an open hunting slot. Each member of the party must possess the appropriate state hunting license and Ft. Bragg hunting permit. Sign-out sheets will be posted the evening prior to scouting and hunting days.

5. The North Carolina wildlife Resources Commission will not require a Harvest Report through a Cooperator for the 2004 season. Instead, all turkeys harvested will be reported via the 1-800-IGOTONE system. We will still maintain our biological data sheets at Camp Mackall and Fort Bragg proper. All turkeys harvested must be checked-in at either Station 5 or the Hunting and Fishing Center.

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Hunter Allocation Table   Big Game Project Leader

Table 1 Hunt Area Allocations

HUNT AREA	Category I slots	Category II slots	Category I ONLY
NTA 1	4	1	5
NTA 2	5	2	7
NTA 3	4	1	5
NTA 4	6	2	8
NTA 5	6	2	8
NTA 6	2	1	3
NTA 7	3	1	4
NTA 8	3	2	5
NTA ASP	N/A (Archery)	N/A (Archery)	N/A (Archery)
N1/Q1	2	2	3
GG-2*	3	1	4
GG-3*	1	1	2
HH-1*	3	1	3
HH-2*	2	1	3
HH-3*	1	1	1
HH-4*	1	1	1
Z-1*	1	1	2
Z-2*	1	1	1
Camp Mackall	4	2	6
* Added for 2004			